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Please share this newsletter with other members of your team, especially those who are V-Base and Online Poster users.

Email alerting service goes live

You may recall that, in our last newsletter, we told you about our alerting service. We're pleased to announce that this has now gone live on [do-it.org.uk](#).

This means that the approximately 9,000 new volunteers who register on do-it.org.uk every month can choose to receive an email when you add or update a volunteering opportunity which matches their interests and location. Volunteers who are already registered on do-it.org.uk will also be able to sign up for this service by [logging in to their do-it.org.uk profiles](#).

Employee Volunteering Services Finder

We've also launched another new feature on do-it.org.uk over the last month: the **Employee Volunteering Services (EVS) Finder**.

You may remember this one from a couple of months ago, when we asked you to tag your V-Base opportunities that are suitable for employee volunteering, so they could be available through the EVS finder.

Now that the service is live, employers can use do-it.org.uk to find information on **employee volunteering**, and search for charities and Volunteer Centres that offer employee volunteering services using the EVS finder. If your organisation offers employee volunteering services but does not yet appear when you search the **EVS finder** please [let us know](#).

Want to comment on our services?

The alerting service, the EVS finder and many of the changes to do-it.org.uk and V-Base that we're working on now are a result of feedback from previous users – and later this year we will be sending out a new survey to our partners asking for feedback on the services we provide.

More information about this survey will follow in later issues of re@d-it, and we hope that you'll all be able to participate and to help shape the future of do-it.org.uk and the services we offer.

Hotmail issues – update

As you might already know, all emails from do-it.org.uk are currently being marked as spam by hotmail.com and hotmail.co.uk accounts. We are currently working with Microsoft to resolve this problem.

If you are a V-Base user who usually receives applications to a hotmail account, as soon as situation is resolved we will be able to send you an XML file that you can use to input your missed volunteer registrations into V-Base.

In the meantime, registered users have been alerted about this problem via the monthly do-it.org.uk e-newsletter, and invited to use an alternative email account. Again, we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Upcoming training events

Online Poster

Online Poster training takes place at YouthNet's office, First Floor, 50 Featherstone Street, London on the following dates:

- 4 June 2008, 10:30am – 2:30pm
- 5 September 2008, 10:30am – 2:30pm

V-Base

V-Base training takes place at YouthNet's office in London (address as above) on the following dates:

- 18 April 2008, 10.30am – 2.30pm
- 16 May 2008, 10.30am – 2.30pm
- 13 June 2008, 10.30am – 2.30pm

If you are interested in attending, or would like to register your interest for future sessions, please fill in and send us through an [Online Poster training booking form](#) or [V-Base training booking form](#).

Please note places are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Volunteering for Young People (Create, Involve, Recruit)

The next Create, Involve, Recruit workshop, which focuses on recruiting and involving young volunteers, will be taking place at YouthNet's office in London (address as above) on the following dates:

- 16 April 2008, 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- 22 April 2008, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

You can find out more about this workshop, and register your interest on our [Involving Young Volunteers](#) page.

Promoting volunteering wherever we go

The Partnerships Team have been very busy lately, promoting volunteering and your opportunities all around the country. Here's a taster of what we've been up to recently:

- The Skills Event;
- The Student Volunteering Conference;
- The Links Effect Tour run by the Youth Action Network;
- Changemakers Y Act celebration event;
- The Young Achiever's Awards;
- Volunteering England's 'Getting Ahead of the Game' event.

Meet us at the Volunteering England Convention

If you're heading to the Volunteering England Convention in Newcastle at the end of the month, please come and say hello at the do-it.org.uk stand. We'll be at the Convention from the 23rd to the 25th of April, and hope to have the opportunity to meet as many V-Base and Online Poster System users as possible in the exhibition area and workshops.

Does your organisation need a digital makeover?

Charity Technology Trust is offering one organisation with an annual budget of less than £500,000 a unique opportunity to take part in a project to showcase the effect of Internet 'Web 2.0' technologies on not-for-profit organisations.

The chosen organisation will receive a 'digital makeover' that will involve looking at all areas of your work, from fundraising to internal communications, to identify issues that can be addressed with smart use of appropriate technology.

If you are interested in taking part in the project, please send them an email with a supporting statement that articulates the major challenges that your organisation currently faces that you think may have a technological solution. Fresh and new ideas are welcome.

Welcome to fourteen new partners

In March, we welcomed the following organisations to the fold:

- Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People
- Changemakers
- Clubs for Young People
- Cumbria Youth Alliance
- FOCUS
- Groundwork
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust
- Lanching Partnerships
- Reigate and Redhill YMCA
- Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts
- Trees for Cities
- Urban Challenge / Connexions Lincolnshire and Rutland
- Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs
- YMCA Darlington

We look forward to working in partnership with them and promoting their opportunities on [www.do-it.org.uk](#).

Until next time,

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